

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-10 and add new claims 11-22. Added text has been underlined and deleted text has been struck through. These amendments are supported by the originally-filed application and no new matter has been added.

1. (currently amended) A method for routing messages from a source node (S) to a destination node in a dynamic network, said source node including a routing table, each row in the routing table representing a possible destination node (D) for a data message transmitted from the source node (S), and each row in the routing table including one probability value $p(k,D)$ for each ~~neighbour~~ neighbor node (k) of the source node (S), the method ~~including to update~~ comprising:

updating the probability values with quality measurements taken each time a message is sent from the source node (S) to a destination node (D), ~~characterized in :~~

routing a predefined percentage of the messages by choosing the ~~neighbour~~ neighbor node with the highest probability value in the row for a destination node (D) in the routing table; and

routing the other messages by distributing the messages among the ~~neighbour~~ neighbor nodes according to the probability values given in the same row in the routing table.

2. (currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that~~ The method of claim 1 wherein the probability values are updated according to the following expression:

$$\frac{p(k,D)(old) + \delta}{1 + \delta}$$

where δ represents the measured quality of the link and $p(k,D)$ (old) represents the old probability value amount, and the remaining probability values in the routing table are adjusted in such a way that all the probability values in each row of the routing table sum to one.

3. (currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that~~ The method of claim 2 wherein the quality measures are represented by hops and/or time delays.

4. (currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that~~ The method of claim 1 further comprising at the detection of a lost connection with a ~~neighbour~~ neighbor node, for each row of the routing table ~~forin~~ for the node, removing the probability value associated with the lost ~~neighbour~~ neighbor and adjusting the probability values of the rest of the ~~neighbours~~ neighbors so as to sum to one, and creating a new row in the routing table for the lost ~~neighbour~~ neighbor node, by initially assigning equal probability values for each of the respective remaining ~~neighbour~~ neighbor nodes in the new routing table row, and then adjusting the probability values according to quality measurements performed by data messages emitted from the node towards the lost ~~neighbour~~ neighbor node.

5. (currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that~~ The method of claim 4 further comprising further adjusting probability values ~~are further adjusted~~ to re-establish the relative relations among the remaining ~~neighbours~~ neighbors as prior to the loss of the ~~neighbour~~ neighbor node.

6. (currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 4 or 5, characterized in awaiting~~ The method of claim 4 further comprising waiting a predefined period of time from the detection of the loss is detected until the adjustment of adjusting existing routing rowtables table rows and creation of the creating new routing table rows row is executed.

7. (currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that~~ The method of claim 6 wherein the messages performing the route quality measurements, and updating the routing tables, are simply the data messages themselves, and dummy messages are specially emitted after the predefined time interval, and at regular intervals thereafter, only for the purpose of finding a lost neighbor node.

8. (currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in~~ The method of claim 1 further comprising at the detection of a gain of a new neighbour neighbor node (j), for both the new neighbour neighbor node (j) and the source node (S), computing one route quality rating ($RQR(D,j)$, and $RQR(D,S)$) for each possible destination node (D), based on the maximum probability value and minimum probability value for each destination node (D), and for all possible destination nodes (D), computing a new probability value for the new neighbour neighbor node based on the route quality rating for the neighbour neighbor node (j) and the source node (S) and the number of its associated neighbour neighbor nodes.

9. (currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 8,~~
~~characterized in that~~ The method of claim 8 wherein the route
quality rating is equal to a maximum probability value minus a
minimum probability value.

10. (currently amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 9,~~
~~characterized in that~~ The method of claim 9 wherein the new
probability value for the new ~~neighbour~~ neighbor node (j) is:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{n+1} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)(x-y) & \text{if } > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where x is the quality rating of the new ~~neighbour~~ neighbor
node, y is the quality rating of the node in question and n is
the number of ~~neighbour~~ neighbor nodes before gaining the new
~~neighbour~~ neighbor node.

11. (new) A method for routing messages from a source node
(S) to a destination node (D) in a dynamic network using a
routing table having a probability value p(k,D) for each
neighbor node (k) of the source node (S), the method
comprising:

a) routing a predefined percentage of the messages to a
neighbor node having a highest probability value in a routing
table; and

b) routing a remaining percentage of messages among
neighbor nodes according to a probability value associated
with each neighbor node in the routing table.

12. (new) The method of claim 11 further comprising updating the probability values with quality measurements taken each time a message is sent from the source node (S) to the destination node (D).

13. (new) The method of claim 12 wherein the probability values are updated according to the following expression:

$$\frac{p(k,D)(old) + \delta}{1 + \delta}$$

where δ represents the measure quality of a link and $p(k,D)(old)$ represents the old probability value amount, and the remaining probability values in the routing table are adjusted in such a way that all the probability values in each row of the routing table sum to one.

14. (new) The method of claim 13 wherein the quality measures are represented by at least one of hops or time delays.

15. (new) The method of claim 11 wherein each row in the routing table represents a possible destination node (D) for a data message from the source node (S).

16. (new) The method of claim 5 further comprising at the detection of a lost connection with a neighbor node, for each row of the routing table having an entry for the lost neighbor node, removing the probability value associated with the lost neighbor node from the routing table and adjusting the probability values of the rest of the neighbors so as to sum to one, and creating a new row in the routing table for the lost neighbor node, by initially assigning equal probability values for each of the respective remaining neighbor nodes in the new routing table row, and then adjusting the probability values according to quality measurements performed by data messages emitted from the node towards the lost neighbor node.

17. (new) The method of claim 15 further comprising further adjusting probability values to re-establish the relative relations among the remaining neighbors prior to the loss of the neighbor node.

18. (new) The method of claim 15 further comprising waiting a predefined period of time from the detection of the loss until adjusting existing routing table rows and creating new routing table rows.

19. (new) The method of claim 18 wherein data messages perform the route quality measurements and update the routing tables, and dummy messages are specially emitted after the predefined time interval, and at regular intervals thereafter, only for the purpose of finding a lost neighbor node.

20. (new) The method of claim 11 further comprising at the detection of a gain of a new neighbor node (j), for both the new neighbor node (j) and the source node (S), computing one route quality rating (RQR(D,j, and RQR(D,S)) for each possible destination node (D), based on the maximum probability value and minimum probability value for each destination node (D), and for all possible destination nodes (D), computing a new probability value for the new neighbor node based on the route quality rating for the neighbor node (j) and the source node (S) and the number of its associated neighbor nodes.

21. (new) The method of claim 18 wherein the route quality rating is equal to a maximum probability value minus a minimum probability value.

22. (new) The method of claim 9 wherein the new probability value for the new neighbor node (j) is:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{n+1} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)(x-y) & \text{if } > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where x is the quality rating of the new neighbor node, y is the quality rating of the node in question and n is the number of neighbor nodes before gaining the new neighbor node.